A PAPER

Sent forth into the World from them that are ſcornfully called

QUAKERS.

Declaring the

Grounds and Reaſons

WHY

They deny the Teachers of the World (who profeſs themſelves to be Miniſters) and diſſent from them.

FIrſt, They are ſuch Shepherds that ſeek for their gain from their Quarters, and can never have enough, which the Lord ſent *Iſaiah* to cry out againſt, who bid all *come freely, without money, and without price, and was not hired, but ſpake freely*; and theſe make merchandize and a trade of his words, and therefore we cry out againſt them, and deny them, *Iſaiah* 56. 11. and 54. 1.

They are ſuch Shepherds that ſeek after the Fleece, and clothe with the Wool, and feed on the Fat, which the Lord ſent *Ezekiel* to cry wo againſt; who made a prey upon us; and the Lord ſaid, *he would gather his Sheep from their mouthes, and that we ſhould be a prey to them no longer*, and we do witneſs the promiſe of the Lord fulfilled; and therefore we deny them, *Ezek.* 54. 34.

They are ſuch Prieſts *as bear rule by their means, which was a horrible and filthy thing committed in the Land*, which the Lord ſent *Jeremiah* to cry out againſt; while we had eyes and did not ſee, we held up ſuch Prieſts, but the Lord hath opened our eyes, and we

ſee them now in the ſame eſtate that they were in which *Jeremiah* cried out againſt; who did not bear rule by his means, and therefore we deny them. *Jer.* 5. 31.

They are ſuch Prophets and Prieſts that divine for money, and preach for hire, which the Lord ſent *Micah* to cry againſt; and whilſt we put into their mouthes, they preached peace to us; but now we do not put into their mouthes, they prepare war againſt us; and therefore we deny them, *Micah* 3. 11.

They are ſuch as are called of men Maſters, and call men Maſters, and have the chieſeſt place in the Aſſemblies, and ſtand praying in the Synagogues, and lay heavy burdens upon the people which Jeſus Chriſt cryed wo againſt, and bid his Diſciples not to be ſo; *Be ye not called of men Maſter, for one is your Maſter, even Chriſt, and ye are all Brethren*; ſo we do witneſs Jeſus Chriſt our Maſter, and ſee them to be in the ſteps of the *Phariſees*, and therefore we deny them, *Mat.* 3. 10. *Mat.* 20. 3.

They are ſuch Teachers, that with feigned words, and through covetouſneſs, made merchandize of us, and do upon the People; who by Oppreſſion maintain themſelves and Wives in pride and idleneſs in hoods, veils, and changable ſutes of apparel; who go in the way of *Cain*; to envy, murder, and perſecute; and after the error of *Balaam*, who loved the wages of unrighteouſneſs, following after gifts and rewards, which the Apoſtles cryed againſt, and therefore we deny them, 2 *Pet.* 2. *Jude* 11.

They are ſuch Teachers as have told us, the Steeple-houſe hath been the Church, when as the Scripture ſaith, the Church is in God, and therefore we deny them. 1 *Theſ.* 1. 1.

They are ſuch Teachers that have told us, the Letter was the Word when as the Letter ſaith, *God is the Word*, therefore we deny them. *Joh.* 1. 1.

They are ſuch Teachers as have told us, the Letter was the Light, when as the Letter ſaith, *Chriſt is the Light*; therefore we deny them. *Joh.* 1. 1, 19. and 8. 12.

They are ſuch Teachers as ſprinkle Infants, calling it an Ordinance of Chriſt, and baptizing into the Faith, into the Church, when as the Scripture ſaith no ſuch thing, and therefore we deny them: but the Baptiſm by one Spirit into one body we own. 1 *Cor.* 12. 13.

They are such Teachers as tell people of a Sacrament, for which there is not one Scripture, and so feed the people with their own inventions, and therefore we deny them, but the Table and Supper of the Lord we own, 1 *Cor.* 10.

They are such Teachers as tell people, that *Mathew*, *Mark*, *Luke*, and *John*, is the Gospel, which are but the Letter. The Lamb of God which takes away the Sins of the world, is glad tydings to poor Captives: glad tydings were promised before the Letter was written, *The seed of the Woman shall bruise the Serpents head*, and *He shall be a Light unto the Gentiles:* the Letter is a Declaration of the Gospel, and many have the Letter, but not Christ; but we having received the Gospel, know them to be no Ministers of it, and therefore do deny them. *Gen.* 3. 15. *Luke* 1. 1.

They are such Ministers as go to *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, and call them the Well-heads of Divinity, and so deny the Fountain of living mercies, and there they study, and read books, and old Authors, and furnish themselves with Philosophy, and fine words, and other mens matter; and when they come again, they sell it to poor people; when as the Apostle saith, *he was not made a Minister by the will of man*, and *that the Gospel which he preached was not of man, nor had he received it from man, neither was he taught it*, and denyed all his learning which he had got by the will of man at the feet of *Gamaliel*; and, so finding them in the will of man, preaching by the will of man, we cannot but deny them. *Gal.* 1.

They are such Teachers, that tell people that *Hebrew* and *Greek* is the Original, when as the Apostle spake in the *Hebrew* tongue to the *Hebrews*, who heard him in their own Language, and yet persecuted him; and the *Greeks*, who had the Gospel in their own Tongues, said, *The Cross of Christ was foolishness*; these who had the Scripture, in their own Language were as ignorant of the Life of them, as our natural Priests, who spend so much time in learning a natural Language, to find out what those meant that spoke forth the Scripture; who make poor people believe that to know a natural Tongue is the means to understand the Original; the Word which is the Original, was before all Languages were, the Word was in the beginning which Word was made manifest in all the Children of God, who spake forth the Scriptures; holy men of God spake as they were moved by the holy Ghost. Now all ye learned ones, where is your origi-

nal; here you and your original is razed out from the *Word*, which is the Original which the Apostles preached amongst the *Hebrews* and *Greeks*, which was before tongues were and your original, which will break all your tongues and original to pieces. *Pilate* had your original of *Hebrew*, *Greek*, and *Latine*, who crucified Christ; he that draws back into many Languages, as into *Hebrew* and *Greek*, draws back into the naturals, and so draws into confusion: but the Ministers of God, who preach the Everlasting Gospel which endures for ever, draw up into our Language, and so the Priests, and all that trade in natural languages we utterly deny: *Acts* 22. 1 *Cor.* 1. 13. *John* 19. 20.

They are such Teachers as have told us, that the Steple-house is the Temple, when as the Apostle said, *Your Bodies are the Temple of the Holy Ghost*; and *Stephen* was stoned to death for witnessing against the Temple, who said, *God that made the World dwells not in Temples made with hands*; and here finding them in the Generation that hold up the Figures, and deny the Substance, and to be ignorant of that Spirit that gave forth the Scriptures, we cannot but deny them. 1 *Cor.* 6. 19. *Acts* 7.

They are such Priests that take Tythes, the Tenth of mens Labours and Estates; and those that will not give them, they sue at Law, and hale before Courts and Sessions, yea, even those they call their own people, their own Parishioners. *Levi* according to the Law received Tythes, and he had a command to set open his gates, that the Strangers and the Fatherless should come within his Gates, and be satisfied and filled; but we find none more pitiless of the Fatherless and Widows then they; and the Strangers they complain against to Justices, and persecute, (though they neither seek to them nor others for any outward thing) as Wanderers; and here they walk contrary to the old Law: and the Apostle in his Epistle to the *Hebrews* said, *The Priesthood being changed, there must of necessity also be a change of the Law*, and we witness both the Priesthood and the Law changed; but they that take Tythes, and they that pay Tythes, according to the old Covenant, deny Jesus Christ the everlasting Priest to be come in the Flesh; and here these Priests shew themselves to be Antichrist, that are entred into the World, and oppress the Creation, when as Jesus Christ said, *Freely ye have received, freely give*; and the Apostle said, *Was there a*

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wiseman amongst them that went to Law one with another: here they are evil examples to the people, to sue, wrangle and contend, and walk out of the steps of Christ, and all the holy men of God; yea, they exceed all the false Prophets in wickedness, for we do not read that ever any of them sued men at the Law; and therefore we cannot but utterly deny them, *Deut.* 14. 29. *Hebr.* 7. 12.

They are such Priests as beside their Tythe of Corn, Hay, Beast, Sheep, Hens, Pigs, Geese, Eggs, Cheries, Plumbs; take ten shillings for preaching a Funeral Sermon, more or less, as they can get it, and ten shillings for the death of a man; and Money out of Servants Wages, and Money for Smoke passing up the Chimneys, and Easter-reckonings, and Midsummer-dues, and Mony for Churching of Women, and thus by every device get money, (and burthen poor people that labour very hard, and can scarce get food and Raiment,) to maintain them in idleness and pride: these are they that have hearts exercised with covetousness, burthening the Truth, and making the free Gospel chargeable: if the Apostle was here, he would be ashamed of them, and so are we, and therefore turn from them, and deny them, 2 *Pet.* 2. 3.

They are such Priests as not only take Tythes and Money for many other things of their own hearts, and sue them at Law for it; but they take money of them they do no work for; but only rail against them, and say, *They that wait at the Altar, are partakers with the Altar*, but live of them who are not of the Altar, and say, *The Labourer is worthy of his hire*; but take Wages of them that have not hired them, and if they will not give it them, cast them into Prison, or take their Goods by Justices Warrants; these are they that Christ cryed wo against, who lay heavy burthens upon the people, who oppress tender Consciences, that own the Everlasting High Priest; where do they find any of the Ministers of Christ bargaining for so much a year? here they abide not in the Doctrine of Christ, but are Hirelings, and therefore we deny them. *Mat.* 23. 2.

They are such Preachers as have told us, They have been gifted men, and we find in the Scriptures, that the Gift of God is free, and not to be bought and sold for money; and *Job* said, *Wisdom is not to be purchased for Money nor Gold*; but they will not sell their gift under 200 l. 100 l. 80 l. or 50 l. a year, more or loss, as they can get it, here we find they have not received

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the Gift of God, but are like *Simon Magus*, and therefore we deny them. *Acts* 8. 20. *Job* 28.

They are *Babylon*'s Merchants that make a trade of the Scriptures, and the Saints conditions, which the Prophets and Apostles spoke forth freely, without money, and without price, and bad all come freely. How many hundred thousand pounds in *England* is gained by the Scripture and humane Authors joyned to it? Where is there a more profitable Trade? Here they make the Scriptures their Cloak and colour to get Money by, and so make an Idol of it; and if any come to witness it fulfilled, as it was in them that gave it forth, they cry out to the Magistrates against them as Blasphemers and Deceivers: And if they answer, He that administers spiritual things, ought to reap carnals, let him consider, the Apostle wrote not that to the World, but to those that they had gathered out of the World, to whom the ends of the World were come; and let them gather people out of the World, and then they shall not need to bargain with them for things of the World; but their trading is with the World, and therefore we deny them. *Isa.* 55. 1.

They are such Teachers as take a Text out of the Saints conditions, and take a Weeks time to study what they can raise out of it, adding to it their own Wisdom, Inventions, Imaginations, and heathenish Authors, and then on the first day of the week go amongst the people, having an hour glass to limit themselves by, and say, Hear the Word of the Lord, and for money tell people what they have scraped together.

These are they that speak a divination of their own heart, and not from the mouth of the Lord, which the Lord sent *Jeremiah* to cry out against, *Jer.* 23.

These are they that use their tongues, and say, *The Lord saith*, when as the Scriptures say so, & the Lord never spake to them, *Jer.* 23. 30.

These are they of whom the Lord speaks, *I am against all such as steal my Word every one from his Neighbour*: and so we are against all such as *Jeremiah* was sent to cry wo against, the Pastors that now steal the words of the Prophets, of Christ, and the Apostles; the Lord hath shaken his hand at their dishoneſt gain, and to them belong the Plagues that are written in the Book they make a trade on, for adding to it their own inventions, therefore do we come out from amongst them, and deny them. *Jer.* 23. 31.

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These are they of whom the Apostle speaks; *That creep into Houses leading silly women captive, which are led away with divers lusts, which ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth,* though some have learned 50, 60, or 70. years, covetous, proud, high-minded, self-willed, lovers of pleasures more then lovers of God, who have gotten a Form of godliness, but deny the power thereof, from which the Apostle bad turn away, and so do we. 2 *Tim.* 3. 6.

They are such Teachers that gave us, and give people, *Davids* conditions in Meeter, and when we had no understanding we sung after them, as ignorant people do now, his tremblings, his quakings, his weepings, fastings, prayers, and prophesies; and when we sung we put off our Hats, and when they read them, we kept them on, and so they caused us to worship the works of their own hands; here they shew the spirit of Error, making wicked people to sing, *O Lord, I am not puffe in mind, I have no scornfull eye, I do not exercise my self in things that are too high,* when they are puffe in mind, and have scornfull eyes, and do exercise themselves in things that are to high, and are full of Filth, Pride and Loftiness, and can scarce look at one another: here they make poor people to offer a Sacrifice of Lyes and make them Hypocrites, deceiving themselves, saying what they are not, but the Singing with the Spirit and understanding we own: and therefore the Priests that Sing without understanding we deny. 1 *Cor.* 14. 15.

They are such Teachers as deny the conditions that the Saints witnessed, viz. trembling and quaking: when as we finde the Holy men of God that gave forth the Scriptures witnessed such things. *Moses*, who was Judge over all *Israel*, feared, quaked, and trembled exceedingly: and the Son of man was to eat his bread with quaking: and *Daniel* the man of God trembled and was astonished: and *Jeremiah* the Prophet of the Lord *reeled to and fro like a drunken man, and all his bones did shake*; and *David* who was King trembled and quaked; and *Ephraim* when he trembled was exalted in *Israel*; and *Habbakkuk* who was a Prophet *trembled, his belly shook, his lips quivered*: and *Isaac* in whom the seed was called *trembled exceedingly*; and *Paul* a Minister of Christ trembled; but they make a scorn of trembling and quaking, and shew themselves ignorant and strangers to the Life and Power of God,

God, as their Generation ever was, who still made a scorn and reproach of the holy men of God that trembled and quaked; but the Seed of God, and the Prophets, and the Servants of the Lord we own, and their conditions we witness; and therefore all the Priests, and them that deny the holy men of God, we utterly deny, *Heb.* 12. 21. *Ezek.* 12. 18. *Dan.* 10. 10. *Jer.* 23. 9. *Psal.* 119. 120. *Hos.* 13. 1. *Habbak.* 3. 16. *Acts* 9. 6. *Gen.* 27. 33.

They are such Teachers as tell the people that Christ hath not enlightned every one that comes into the world, when as Christ saith, *He doth enlighten every one that comes into the World*: and here they go about to make Christ a lyar, and *John Baptist* a false Prophet, and deny the Scriptures, and they say, God hath not given every one a measure according to his ability, when as Christ saith, *He hath done* it, *Christ is the Light of the World, and by him the World was made, and he came into the World, and the World received him not*; it is so now, Light shines in darkness, and the darkness comprehends it not; and this is the condemnation, That *Light is come into the World*: the one *he loves the Light, and brings his deeds to it, that they may be made manifest*, and walk in it, there is no occasion of stumbling in him, the other *he hates the Light, because his deeds are evil*, and this is his condemnation; and we witness the Light wherewith Christ hath enlightned every one that comes into the world, and by obedience to the Light, he is become our Master, our Teacher: and all who stumble at the Light, and deny it, are ignorant of the Foundation Stone, and know not the first Principle, but are shut out from knowing any thing of God; and therefore the Priests and all their followers we deny! *Joh.* 1. 9. & 3. 19, 20. *Mat.* 25. 15.

They are such teachers as walk out of the Doctrine of the Apostle; and practice of all the Churches, *Paul* saith, *if any thing be revealed to him that sits by, let the First hold his peace; for all may prophesie one by one, that God in all things may be glorified, and you edified: and the spirits of the Prophets are subject to the Prophets, and God is the Author of Peace, and not of Confusion, and this was in all the Churches of the Saints*: but now if any man come among them, while they are speaking, or when they have done, and be moved to speak any thing, them of their Church, the rude multitude, fall upon him with Staves, Fists and Punches, and knocks him down with Stones, shewing themselves to be of that generation that stoned *Stephen* to death,

death, and the Priests call to the Officers to take him to the stocks, and to carry him before the Magistrate, and from thence he is sent to prison, and called a disturber of the peace: here they shew themselves to prison, and called a disturber of the peace: here they shew themselves to be no Ministers of Christ, and their Assembly to be no Church, but in confusion, for that which was order amongst the Saints, is disorder amongst them; the Church of Christ was never Fighters, not Quarrellers, nor Scorners, such Churches are the fruits of the Ministry of ENGLAND, who were made by the will of man, and never sent of Christ, and therefore they do not profit the people at all, but are Persecutors of the Messengers of Christ, and therefore we deny them. *1 Cor.* 14. 32. 33. *Act* 7. *Ver.* 23, 32.

They are such Teachers as have told us, we should never be made free from Sin while we are upon earth, when as the Apostle saith; *They were made free from Sin, he thanks God, and had put off the body of Sin*; so we finde they had told us lies contrary to the Scripture, and the Apostle saith, *While we were servants of Sin we were free from righteousness*; so in that state we Find them, and therefore we deny them. And they have told us, none shall ever be sanctifyed, nor the body of Sin destroyed, nor cleansed from Sin while they are upon the earth, when as the Apostle said, *They were sanctified, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all Sin*; and the Ministers of God said, *they reigned as Kings* and here they deny the Scriptures, and therefore we deny them. And they deny the begotten Son of God, which Sinneth not, and calleth it blasphemy for any to witness that born which Sins not, when the Scripture saith, *He that is born of God Sinneth not, neither can he Sin, because he is born of God, and the seed of God remains in him; and he that commits Sin is of the devil*, and hereby are the Children of God made manifest, and the Childen of the devil; and as he is, so are we in this present world, and *a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; if the root be holy, so are the branches, and one Fountain cannot send forth sweet water, and bitter*: he that can receive it, let him: but the chief Priests, and Elders, and Pharisees, and Seducers, and Rulers, at this stumbled then, and so they stumble now at the Light, from whence these words were given forth, which doth enlighten every one that comes into the world, and

therefore we deny them. *Rom.* 6. 18. and 6. 6. *Rom.* 8. 10. 1 *Cor.* 6. 11. 1 *Joh.* 1. 7. 1 *Joh.* 3. 6, 9, 10. 1 *Joh.* 4. 17.

And they are such Teachers that have told us, none shall ever be perfect while they are upon the earth, when as Christ saith, *be ye perfect as your Father which is in heaven is perfect*; and the Apostle saith, *by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified* and the Ministery of Christ is for the perfecting of the Saints, till they all come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, to a perfect man. Here we find them to deny the Scriptures, and the everlasting offering, and all such we cannot but deny; and we witness the everlasting offering, which perfects for ever them that are sanctifyed. *Praises to the Lord for ever, who hath sent forth his Son in the likeness of Sinfull flesh, to condemn Sin in the flesh, that in him we might be made the righteousness of God*; and all that deny perfection and sanctification, deny this offering, and the gift of God, which is perfect, and the Ministery of God, which is for perfecting the body, and such Ministers are not members of the body, nor can present any man perfect in Christ Jesus, and therefore we deny them. *Mat.* 5. 10. *Heb.* 10. 14. *Eph.* 4. 12, 13. 2 *Cor.* 5. 21. *James* 1. 17.

They are such Teachers as deny the everlasting Covenant, and the Anointing, for if any come to witness that they are taught of God, and that he hath written his Law in their hearts, and put his Spirit within them, and that none need say to them, know the Lord; then they cry out to the Magistrates, and ignorant people, These are the Deceivers and false Prophets that shall come in the last times, they deny the meanes; and when any witness that they have received an unction from the holy one, and need not that any man teach them, but as the Annointing teacheth them of all things; then they cry out, These are Seducers and seduced: and so here they deny the Covenant of God, and the Promise of God, and shew themselves to be the great Seducers, that draw from the Anointting, and finding their Spirits contrary to the Scriptures, we cannot but deny them. *Jer.* 31. 33. *Heb.* 11. 8. 1 *Joh.* 2, 20, 27.

They are such Teachers that say, Revelations are ceased, and deny revelations and so deny the Son, For *no man knows the Fathers, but he to whom the Son reveals him, and no man knows the the things of God, but the Spirit of God, and he to whom the Spirit*

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reveals them: and the Apoſtle ſaid, *It pleaſed the Father to reveal his Son in him:* And ſo he that denies Revelations, denies both the Father, and the Son, and the Spirit; theſe are the Prieſts who talk of Religion, and have gotten a Form to trade with, and have received things by tradition, but are ignorant of God, and of the Spirit, by which all the Saints were ever guided, and therefore we deny them. *Mat.* 11, 27. 1 *Cor.* 2. 11. *Gal.* 1. 16. *Phil.* 3. 15.

Therefore all people, conſider what you do, and hold up, and worſhip, for the Worſhip is but one, and the Word is but one, and the Baptiſm is but one, and the Church is but one, and the Way is but one, and the Light is but one, and the Power is but one; but they that are without have many Teachers, many Ways, many Opinions and Judgments, and many Sects; but we have but one Prieſt, which is over the houſhold of God, and therefore are all of one heart and ſoul.

Moved of the Lord, written from the Spirit of the Lord, for the cleanſing of the Land of all falſe Teachers, Seducers, and Deceivers, and Witches, who beguile the people, and Inchanters, and Diviners, and Sorcerers, and Hirelings, and which is for the good of all people, that fear the Lord, and own Jeſus Chriſt to be their Teacher.

From them whom the world ſcornfully calls *Quakers*; but quaking and trembling we own, elſe we ſhould deny the Scriptures, and the holy men of God; but the Scriptures we own, and the holy men of God; therefore we deny all them who deny quaking.

If you ſay, theſe things are frivolous things, which you have taught us, then we have been taught frivolous things all this while; but we finde all theſe things frivolous things, wind and air, and therefore we deny them.

All people that read theſe things, never come ye more at the Steeple-houſe, nor pay your Prieſts more Tythes, till they have anſwered them; for if ye do, ye uphold them in their Sins, and muſt partake of their plagues.

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